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EDITORIALS*

ON SOME CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION PROBLEMS

Papers for the Next Annual Session.—These vacation months offer good opportunities in which to think over prospective papers for the 1932 annual session of the California Medical Association. With fewer society and staff meetings, there is greater chance for quiet thinking and study. Applications for places on section programs should be made at an early day to the section chairmen or secretaries, whose names and addresses may always be found on advertising page four of every issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. The section officers will welcome early applications.

The California Medical Association maintains the following twelve sections: Anesthesiology, Dermatology and Syphilology; Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat; General Medicine; General Surgery; Industrial Medicine and Surgery; Neuropsychiatry, Obstetrics and Gynecology; Pathology and Bacteriology; Pediatrics; Radiology (including Roentgenology and Radium Therapy); Urology. In addition, at next year's annual session a section on medical economics will probably be instituted. As soon as the Council appoints the

acting officers of that section their names will also be printed in the section roster.

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Annual Clinical and Research Prize Papers.—In the list of standing committees which is printed on advertising page two of every number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, is a footnote concerning the prizes which are annually offered by the California Medical Association for the two best papers on clinical or research topics. In addition to the cash prize of one hundred and fifty dollars, a certificate of award is given. In many eastern states such prize offers would in all probability bring into being considerable competition. The officers of the Association hope that less diffidence will be displayed in next year's California Medical Association competition than has been evidenced during the last two or three years. Under certain conditions, papers may be read at scientific sections and still be submitted for prize registration and consideration. The names of all contestants are held confidential, publicity being given only to prize winners or honorable mention contestants. Application to the Association Secretary will bring complete information.

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The CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE Leaflet, "Suggestions to Authors."—All members of the California Medical Association who contemplate writing papers for the state or a county medical society, and who have not received a copy of the CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE leaflet, "Suggestions to Authors," should write to the central office of the Association for a copy of the same. This leaflet, originally compiled by the former editor of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, the late Dr. Wm. E. Musgrave, and a revised edition of which was brought off the press in May of this year, contains many suggestions worthy of perusal by every member who contemplates writing a paper. Such a leaflet, insofar as it presents the experiences of others, may be of real service to all who write. It may be had by any member of the California Medical Association for the asking. Write to the central office of the Association, requesting a copy. •

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Annual Session Papers Intended for CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE Should Not Be Too Technical.—The June CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, page 430, contained a report showing how large a number of unpublished papers from previous years were still in the hands of the editors. An earnest effort is now being made to bring all such off the press as rapidly as possible. This over-plus of material has come to the official journal because of the larger number of scientific sections in the Association and because some of the sections have had a considerable larger number of papers than other sections. This year it has been necessary for the Committee on Publications to return to a number of speakers at the San Francisco annual session the papers which

* Editorials on subjects of scientific and clinical interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Medicine Today column which follows.